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SUBJ: LAO ATTENDANCE AT 7TH SPECIAL SESSION UNGA AND 30TH
REGULAR SESSION UNGA

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1. MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD POL COUNS JULY 31 THAT PGNU HAD DECIDED TO DESIGNATE MINISTER OF FINANCE LEUAM RAJASOMBAT AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCE BOUTSABONG SOUVANNAVONG AS DELEGATES TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. THEY WILL PRESUMABLY REACH NEW YORK ONLY AT MID-POINT OF SPECIAL SESSION SINCE THEY WILL FIRST ATTEND THE IMF ANNUAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON SEPT 1-6 (VIENTIANE 5059, NOTAL) AND WE VENTURE THAT UNTIL THEIR ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK LAOS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY PERSONNEL OF UN MISSION AND/OR LAO EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

2. DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS ALSO STATED THAT ACTING FONMIN PHOUNE SIPASEUTH (FORMAL TITLE: DELEGATE OF HIS HIGHNESS THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) WILL HEAD LAO DELEGATION TO 30TH REGULAR SESSION. HIS ETA WILL BE DETERMINED IN LARGE
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PART BY DATE ASSIGNED LAOS IN THE GENERAL DEBATE.

MAKE-UP OF REST OF DELEGATION STILL TO BE DETERMINED.
(EARLIER, WE HAD HEARD THAT FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT --
NOW HOSPITALIZED IN PEKING -- WOULD ATTEND UNGA, AND
LAO AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON APPEARS STILL TO BE
OPERATING ON THAT ASSUMPTION AS INDICATED REF B, BUT
LAO PLANS HAVE CLEARLY CHANGED.)

3. GIVEN VOLATILITY OF SITUATION HERE, WE WISH TO
DEFER ANY RECOMMENDATION ON POSSIBLE DISCUSSIONS WITH
LAO DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 4 REF A, WE DOUBT STRONGLY
THAT EITHER KING OR PRIME MINISTER WILL ATTEND UNGA.
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